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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICIALS
TO DISCUSS U.K. PARKING REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

1. UNDER A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL MANDATES,
EPA IS REQUIRED TO INVESTIGATE AND IMPLEMENT PARKING
RESTRICTION(S) AS PART OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION CONTROL
STRATEGIES WHICH ARE DEVISED TO HELP MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
OF THE U.S. CLEAN AIR ACT. LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS
COUNTRY, AND EPA MUST STUDY EXISTING SCHEMES IN ORDER TO
PREPARE FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH
WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN MAKING CONTACTS FOR
A VISIT BY TWO EPA OFFICIALS BEGINNING DECEMBER 2.

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OFFICIALS ARE; DR. JOEL HOROWITZ, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE

OFFICE OF POLICY ANALYSIS AND RICHARD PENNA OF THE DIVISION OF MOBILE SOURCE ENFORCEMENT IN THE OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL. (THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES.) VISITORS WOULD APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENT FOR INITIAL VISITS ON DECEMBER 2 WITH DON T. ROUTH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DOE, AND DAVID BAYLISS, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT STUDIES DIVISION, GREATER LONDON COUNCIL. BAYLISS NOW IN U.S. AND SPENT TIME WITH HOROWITZ DISCUSSING U.K. EXPERIENCE IN SUBJECT AREA. ROUTH IS IN DOE TRAFFIC RESTRAINT DIVISION AND IS FAMILIAR WITH

TRAFFIC RESTRAINT PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND. DURING FIRST DAY'S MEETING SPECIFIC ITINERARY COULD BE FIRMED UP. TEAM WOULD ALSO WISH TO VISIT LEICESTER, THE ROAD RESEARCH LABORATORY AT CROWTHORNE, AND NOTTINGHAM (CONTACT: BRIAN COLLINS, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, COUNTY HALL). TIME PERMITTING, ADDITIONAL VISITS TO LIVERPOOL AND BIRMINGHAM WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. QUESTIONS WHICH TEAM WISHES TO PURSUE ARE:

- A. WHAT KINDS OF PARKING LIMITATIONS ARE USED TO DISCOURAGE AUTO USE?
- B. HOW ARE THEY ENFORCED?
- C. WHAT EFFECTS DO THEY HAVE ON TRAFFIC, TRANSIT USE, BUSINESS, AND URBAN GROWTH?
- D. WHAT PLANNING TECHNIQUES ARE USED IN DEVELOPING PARKING RESTRICTION PROPOSALS?
- E. WHAT INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS EXIST FOR ASSESSING THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS?
- F. WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND HOW HAVE THEY BEEN DEALT WITH?

4. EPA HAS PROMULGATED REGULATIONS IN THIS AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN AIR POUCHED FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION AND TO BE DELIVERED IN ADVANCE TO INTERESTED OFFICIALS WITH WHOM TEAM WILL MEET. THESE ARE FEDERAL REGISTER VOLUME 38 NUMBER 228 "PENNSYLVANIA AIR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN" AND VOLUME 39 NUMBER 164 "PROPOSED RULES FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS". THE LATTER USES THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCEPT OF MINIMIZATION OF VEHICLE MILES TRAVELLED (VMT). VMT MINIMIZATION IS A SCHEME CURRENTLY IN USE IN PARTS OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND. EPA WILL NEED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH U.K. EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS AND TO DEFEND AGAINST LAW SUITS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE BROUGHT AGAINST ANY REGULATIONS. TEAM WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SECURE COPIES OF PERTINENT STATUTES, LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES, AND OTHER

REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING THE RESTRICTIONS NOW IN USE IN
THE U.K. COPIES OF APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, SITE PLANS,

AND OTHER PERTINENT MATERIAL WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL,
AS WOULD ANY MATERIALS DOCUMENTING THE SUCCESS OF THE
PROGRAMS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING RESERVATION AT HOTEL
CONVENIENT TO D.O.E. FOR NIGHTS OF DECEMBER 1, 2, AND
3. REQUEST TWO DOUBLES WITH BATH IN \$25 TO \$30 RANGE.
OTHER ACCOMODATIONS WILL BE ARRANGED BY VISITORS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH TRAVEL PLANS WORKED OUT IN FIRST DAY
OR TWO OF DISCUSSIONS. WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE BUSINESS
DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 UNLESS POSSIBILITIES RAISED
FOR FURTHER FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS INDICATE DESIRABILITY
OF CONTINUING ON DECEMBER 9 AND 10. WILL DEFINITELY
RETURN TO U.S. ON DECEMBER 11 AT LATEST. KISSINGER

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